



This report is a monthly update of motorcycle mishaps that occurred throughout the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. The data listed reflects what was reported during the time period covered.



The information contained in the report is based on preliminary information and is provided for hazard awareness and training purposes only. The Naval Safety Center recommends motorcycle safety representatives use this information for training and mentorship programs and forward to others who may have an interest.



Official mishap data should be obtained from the Naval Safety Center.

<p>Navy Rider fatalities this report: 0 Rider fatalities for FY 22: 2</p>	<p>Total mishaps this report: 16 Total fatalities this report: 1</p>	<p>Marine Corps Rider fatalities this report: 1 Rider fatalities for FY 22: 3</p>
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Looking at Leading Causes of Motorcycle Mishaps

In reviewing the Department of the Navy data, our PMV2 fatality numbers increased from 19 fatalities in CY 2020 to 26 in CY 2021. We are not making progress; we need to be proactive with the data that has been provided to the fleet. The information is for supervision to challenge the fleet to learn and enhance their defensive riding skills.

We are still in the early stages of using RMI, and I would like to thank everyone who has taken the initiative to learn the system.

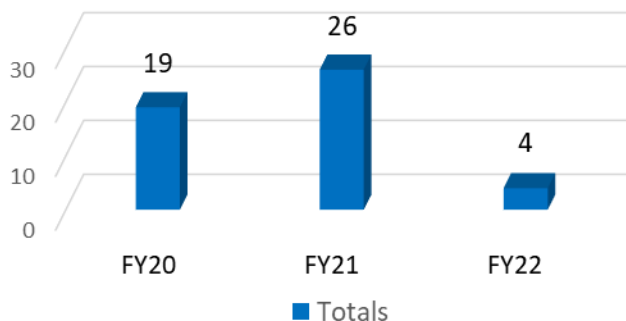
Below, I would like to address the leading causes of motorcycle mishaps in 2020 and 2021.

1 Taking a wrong turn or turning into traffic can be challenging — even if you are a seasoned motorcyclist.

2 Reckless driving and bad behavior on the road are significant causes of death in motorcycle accidents. Today's motorcycles have more technologically advanced engines that can accelerate faster, resulting in an increased potential for speeding and fatal accidents.

3 Lane splitting is another cause of deaths resulting from motorcycle accidents in FY 20 (4). Lane splitting is an avoidable hazard that you do not have to perform.

DON PMV2 Fatal Mishaps by FY
FY22 (31 Dec)



4 Bad weather conditions are also a significant cause of fatal accidents for motorcyclists. Heavy rains, floods, winds, snow, ice and fog are dangerous weather conditions that should be avoided by motorcyclists all the time. Some of these conditions can make the road slippery or impassable.

Please have discussions with your riders and use the mishaps in this Rider Down report as safety messages to initiate a change into the safety lifestyle.

Regards,
Malcolm Logan



Motorcycle Mishaps

December 2021



Fatal Mishaps (All times local)

Dec. 4, 1 a.m., 21-year-old E-3
Location: Camp Pendleton, California
Year, make and model: Not reported (NR)
PPE: NR
License: NR
Training: Level I and II: NR
Remarks: Rider was involved in a motorcycle crash and pronounced deceased on scene.

Nonfatal Mishaps (All times local)

Dec. 30, 2 p.m., 23-year-old E-5
Location: Florence, South Carolina
Year, make and model: Victory Gunner (non-sport)
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I and II: NR
Remarks: Rider lost control of motorcycle on loose gravel while turning left and laid the bike down. Rider was transported to local hospital and treated for minor injuries.

Dec. 29, 10:30 a.m., 38-year-old E-6
Location: Norfolk, Virginia
Year, make and model: 2019 Indian (non-sport)
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I: May 2019; Level II: NR
Remarks: Rider lost control of motorcycle trying to maneuver around debris in the road, resulting in rider being ejected and knocked unconscious. Rider was transported to local hospital.

Dec. 26, 2 p.m., 22-year-old E-3
Location: Jacksonville, North Carolina
Year, make and model: NR
PPE: NR
License: NR
Training: Level I and II: NR
Remarks: Rider was riding off base when a PMV-4 cut the rider off in traffic. Rider applied the brakes and flipped over the bike. Rider was transported to local hospital and treated for fractured left femur.

Dec. 22, 6:48 p.m., CWO-3
Location: San Diego, California
Year, make and model: NR
PPE: NR
License: NR
Training: Level I and II: NR
Remarks: Rider was riding off road, lost control and crashed the dirt bike. Rider transported to local hospital and treated for fractured collarbone.

Dec. 16, 3:15 p.m., 38-year-old E-6
Location: Warrenton, Virginia
Year, make and model: NR
PPE: NR
License: NR
Training: Level I and II: NR
Remarks: Rider was following a bike club event when a tractor-trailer made an unsafe lane change. Rider was forced off the road and crashed. Rider was transported to local hospital for injuries.

Dec. 15, 6 p.m., 24-year-old E-5
Location: San Diego, California
Year, make and model: NR
PPE: NR
License: NR
Training: Level I and II: NR
Remarks: Rider was victim of a hit and run. Rider was transported to local hospital for injuries.

Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., 25-year-old E-5
Location: Naples, Italy
Year, make and model: NR
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I: May 21; Level II: NR
Remarks: Rider was struck by a PMV-4 while merging into traffic, resulting in the rider striking a second PMV-4. Rider was transferred to local hospital and treated for fractured left index finger and lacerations to both legs.

Dec. 13, 5 a.m., 20-year-old E-5
Location: Norfolk, Virginia
Year, make and model: NR
PPE: NR
License: NR
Training: Level I and II: NR
Remarks: Rider was involved in a single-vehicle mishap resulting in the amputation of Rider's left foot.

Dec. 12, 2 a.m., 26-year-old E-5
Location: Kailua, Hawaii
Year, make and model: 2017 Kawasaki Z650 (sport)
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I: September 2020; Level II: March 2021
Remarks: Rider attempted to enter the road and was struck by a passing PMV-4. Rider transported to local hospital and treated for four fractured metacarpals in the left hand, broken right radius, concussion and whiplash.

Dec. 10, 2 p.m., 20-year-old E-3
Location: Jacksonville, Florida
Year, make and model: NR
PPE: Yes

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License: Yes

Training: Level I: Dec 2021; Level II: NR

Remarks: Rider was leaving basic riders course, attempted to enter the road and was struck and launched by a speeding PMV-4. Rider was transported to local hospital and treated for left ulna bone fracture.

Dec. 9, 2 p.m., 24-year-old E-5

Location: Palms Springs, California

Year, make and model: NR

PPE: NR

License: NR

Training: Level I and II: NR

Remarks: Rider lost control of bike while riding over icy patch in road. Rider called 911, was transported to local hospital and treated for minor back injuries.

Dec. 9, 2 p.m., 24-year-old E-5

Location: Norfolk, Virginia

Year, make and model: NR

PPE: NR

License: NR

Training: Level I and II: NR

Remarks: Rider was in a motorcycle accident, transported to local hospital and treated for eight fractures in right hand.

Dec. 4, 2 p.m., 24-year-old E-5

Location: Palms Springs, California

Year, make and model: Dirt bike (off-road)

PPE: NR

License: NR

Training: Level I and II: NR

Remarks: Rider lost control of dirt bike. Rider flown to local hospital and treated for fractured right leg and pelvis.

Dec. 3, 3:15 p.m., 25-year-old E-5

Location: Lemoore, California

Year, make and model: 2021 Harley Davidson (non-sport)



Motorcycle crashes are on the rise. Be aware of your surroundings whether you're on a motorcycle or in a car and make sure to share the road. (U.S. Navy photo by Susanne Greene)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I: May 2018; Level II: July 2018

Remarks: Rider was struck from behind while slowing down, ejected from the motorcycle and landed on roof of the PMV-4 in front of rider. Rider was transported to local hospital and treated for injuries to left leg and right shoulder.

Dec. 3, 7 a.m., 26-year-old E-5

Location: San Diego, California

Year, make and model: 2021 Kawasaki Ninja (sport)

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I: July 2021; Level II: October 2021

Remarks: Rider was involved in a crash with another vehicle when the vehicle turned into rider's lane. Rider was transported to local hospital and treated for sprained left wrist.

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